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The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) was established to combine health financing and quality assurance programs into a single agency. HCFA is responsible for the Medicare program, Federal participation in the Medicaid program, the Professional Standards Review Program and a variety of other health care assurance programs.

The mission of the Health Care Financing Administration is to promote the timely delivery of appropriate health care to its beneficiaries—approximately 47 million of the nation's aged, disabled and poor. The Agency must also ensure that program beneficiaries are aware of the services for which they are eligible, that those services are accessible and of high quality and that Agency policies promote efficiency and quality within the health care delivery system.







## ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

This Directory is a profile of national organizations that represent or relate to beneficiaries of Medicare and Medicaid. The organizations listed were responsive to an Office of Beneficiary Services (OBS) inquiry about their activities, objectives, goals and interest in or relationship to their constituencies.

Descriptions of the organizations' activities are based upon information supplied to this office by the organizations themselves.

Contact persons named, in many cases are the presidents or executive directors; however, some organizations chose to list their chief health person as the primary contact for receiving information. The directory is not meant to be inclusive of all organizations dealing with beneficiaries of Medicare and Medicaid. If there are obvious omissions of organizations actively involved with helping the beneficiary, we would appreciate knowing about them. Listings will be updated periodically.

OBS maintains a more extensive mailing list of organizations that includes names, addresses, telephone numbers and contact persons. This profile, however, is intended primarily for internal use to give HCFA employees a better idea about the organizations to which beneficiaries relate and some of the mechanisms used to reach them.

The Directory has four sections, alphabetically listed as: (1) Aged; (2) Handicapped; (3) Mental Health and (4) Other (general) which includes children's organizations, general advocacy and organizations that relate to low-income consumers. Questions regarding this directory should be directed to:

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## AGED ORGANIZATIONS







American Association of Homes for the Aging  
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1050 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Laurence F. Lane  
Director, Policy Development and Implementation Division  
(202) 296-5960

The American Association of Homes for the Aging (AAHA) represents nonprofit, community-sponsored housing, homes for the aging and health-related facilities serving the elderly throughout the United States.

Its principal activities both promote the professional skills and sensitivities of its members in providing services to the elderly and also offer interaction with congressional and Federal agencies in developing policies conducive to the total welfare of older Americans. Provides unified means of identifying and solving problems of mutual concern in order to protect and advance the interests of the residents served. Participates in liaison with government in developing plans for basic curricula for administrators of homes; conducts institutes and workshops on current concerns, such as accreditation, financing, the meaning of institutional life and planning for the residents of the future.

Over 300,000 older Americans live in AAHA member homes which are sponsored by religious, fraternal, labor, civic and county organizations. Altogether, over 1,800 homes and 500 professionals, students, and other organizations make up the membership of the association.

Publications: Washington Report - biweekly  
Housing Report - monthly  
Legal Report - monthly  
Association Report - quarterly  
Directory of Consultants - Planning, Housing and Services for  
the Elderly  
Directory of Nonprofit Homes for the Aged - Social Components  
of Care

Conventions/Meetings - Annual - October or November  
Legislative Workshop - March or April







American Association of Retired Persons  
National Retired Teachers Association  
1909 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Cyril F. Brickfield, Executive Director  
(202) 872-4700

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) are nonprofit organizations which work to improve the quality of life of older Americans through involvement of their members in educational and community service programs. The Associations provide in-hospital-surgical medical care insurance and out-of-hospital major medical care insurance for members 65 years old and over; offers life and automobile insurance; maintains a nursing home at Opi, California; sponsors community service programs such as consumer information, church relations, health education, housing information, Institute of Lifetime Learning and a Tax-Aide Program, among others.

The National Consumer Assistance Center in the Washington office helps resolve individual consumer complaints. In addition, a full-time legislative staff works with members of Congress on bills affecting older citizens.

NRTA and AARP are separate organizations with parallel structures which work together and share functional staff. There are approximately 3,000 local chapters of AARP and 2,350 local units of NRTA. Combined membership totals 14 million retirees.

Publications: News Bulletin - monthly  
Modern Maturity - bimonthly

Convention/Meeting: Biennial







American Federation of Labor and Congress  
of Industrial Organizations  
815 16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Bert Seidman, Director  
Social Security Department  
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The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations- usually referred to as the AFL-CIO-is a voluntary federation of 105 national and international labor unions in the United States.

These affiliated Unions formed the AFL-CIO to represent them in the creation and execution of broad national and international policies and in coordinating a wide range of activities jointly.

The 105 affiliated unions of the AFL-CIO are made up of more than 60,000 local unions, through which day-to-day relationships are conducted with several hundred thousand employers. These local unions have negotiated more than 150,000 collective bargaining contracts that help give the American worker a measure of economic security by spelling out rates of pay, hours of work, overtime, hospitalization and medical benefits, vacations, holidays, seniority, the handling of grievances and pensions.

Publications: AFL-CIO News - weekly  
American Federationist - monthly

Convention/Meeting: November 1981







American Red Cross  
17th Street between D&E Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Mark A. Tannenbaum  
Assistant Director of Community  
Volunteer Services  
(202) 857-3361

The aims of the American Red Cross are to improve the quality of human life and enhance individual self-reliance and concern for others. It works toward these aims through national and chapter services governed and directed by volunteers. American Red Cross services help people avoid emergencies, prepare for emergencies and cope with them when they occur.

To accomplish its aims, the Red Cross provides volunteer blood services to a large segment of the nation, conducts community services and, as mandated by its Congressional Charter, serves as an independent medium of voluntary relief and communication between the American people and their armed forces; maintains a system of local, national, and international disaster preparedness and relief; and assists the government of the United States to meet humanitarian treaty commitments.

The Red Cross has a deep commitment to older people. Some of the programs and services provided by chapters to the elderly include Community Services (such as Telephone Reassurance, Transportation, Nutrition, Friendly Visiting, Recreation in Nursing Homes and other facilities); Safety Services (First Aid, CPR, Swimming, Small Craft); Nursing and Health Services (Vital Signs, Homemaker Health Aids, Fitness). Many of the volunteers serving in these programs are themselves elderly, greatly enhancing their well being and sense of purpose.

Publication: The Good Neighbor - bimonthly  
Update (Community Volunteer Services) - bimonthly  
Annual Report

Convention/Meeting: Always May - 1981, Washington, D.C.  
1982, St. Louis, MO.







Gray Panthers  
3635 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Edith Giese, Executive Director  
(215) 382-3300

Washington Office  
755 8th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Sally Cory, Co-Convenor  
(202) 347-6471 or 347-9541

The Gray Panthers is a consciousness-raising activist group of older adults (over 65) and young people. Its aims are to combat agism - the discrimination against persons on the basis of chronological age; and to demonstrate that the old and the young in our society have much to contribute to make our society more just and human. They advise, act as a catalyst, and organize local groups of young and old together to work on issues they choose. They provide information and referral services and conduct seminars and research on age related issues and maintain a research file.

Publications: The Network (newsletter), published six times a year  
An organizing manual and book

Convention/Meeting: biennial







Jewish Association for Services for the Aged  
40 West 68th Street  
New York, New York 10003

Bernard Warach, Executive Director  
(212) 724-3200

The Jewish Association for Services for the Aged consists of local senior citizens associations. It is a social welfare organization whose objective is, where possible, to keep the older adult in the community and provide the services necessary to enable him to maintain life there. It maintains 21 community service offices in New York City, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York. Services include: information and referral to appropriate health, welfare, educational and recreational and vocational services; personal counseling; financial assistance; counsel on health and medical services and housing; securing of homemaker service; group educational and recreational activities through senior citizens associations; referral to summer camps; day camp activities for the elderly; legal services; protective services; reaching out to the isolated; volunteer service opportunities. Sponsors housing for the elderly projects. Has active committees on: building, sites and housing; community services.

Publications: Progress Report - annual  
Senior Citizens Advocates (newsletter)

Convention/Meeting - annual - always in New York City







Legal Services for the Elderly Poor  
2095 Broadway  
New York, New York 10023

Johnathan A. Weiss, Executive Director  
(212) 595-1340

Legal Services for the Elderly Poor is an organization of lawyers who advise on legal problems and areas indigenous to the elderly. It is funded through the Legal Services Corporation and the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging. It conducts research, litigation and educational programs. In addition, the organization maintains a library and has published numerous articles, reports and papers.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







National Alliance of Senior Citizens, Inc.  
101 Park Washington Court  
Falls Church, Virginia 22046

C.C. Clinkscales, III - National Director  
(703) 241-1533

The National Alliance of Senior Citizens, Inc. informs the membership and the American public of the needs of senior citizens and the programs and policies being carried out by government and specified groups. It represents the views of senior Americans before Congress and State legislatures and maintains a library for political and general research. It maintains the Golden Age Hall of Fame which honors individuals for outstanding service to the senior community. Its advisory council chairs 15 committees. It also issues an annual rating of Congress and provides direct services for its members dealing with government agencies.

Publications: Senior Guardian - monthly  
Senior Services Manual - annual

Convention/Meeting: Biennial







National Caucus and Center on the Black Aged  
Suite 500  
1424 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dolores Davis-Wong, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
(202) 637-8400

The National Caucus and Center on the Black Aged exists to serve the black elderly. The Center's efforts focus upon improving the conditions of the lives of elderly minority persons, through the design and implementation of service delivery programs in the areas of health, housing, employment, education, professional training and ongoing research. Their ultimate purpose is to ensure that all black aged Americans are afforded a meaningful and secure existence. In doing so they give life to their history, and give the elderly a place of dignity in the world. The Center now has a membership of 2,433 people.

Publications: Research and Training in Minority Aging  
A Topical Annotated Bibliography on the Black Elderly - TABBE  
Health and the Black Aged  
Curriculum Guidelines in Minority Aging  
Insights on Minority Elderly  
Health Care and the Black Aged: A Call for Radical Change  
Quarterly Contact - quarterly newsletter  
Golden Page - bimonthly newsletter

Convention/Meeting: Annual







National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform  
Suite 204  
1424 16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Elma L. Griesel, Executive Director  
(202) 797-8227

The National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform works to improve the long term health care system and the quality of life for nursing home residents.

The Coalition's activities include: monitoring the quality of services in nursing homes; organizing advocacy projects for serving residents; educating the public about nursing home issues, boarding home issues and residents' rights; advocating regulatory reform and identifying the problems of the institutionalized elderly for Congress and Federal agencies; assisting the community nursing home organizations and ombudsman programs and working with State and local complaint-processing programs. The Coalition has 99 organizational members in 28 States.

Publications: Collation (an advocacy journal)  
The Plight of the Nurses Aide  
Mental Health Issues in Nursing Homes  
Drug-Related Issues in Nursing Homes  
Advocacy Training Materials  
State Legislative Reports  
Citizens Action Guide to Reimbursement Issues  
Report on Medicaid Discrimination: State of the Art

Convention/Meeting: Four day annual, usually in late spring







National Council of Senior Citizens  
925 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

William Hutton, Executive Director  
(202) 347-8800

The National Council of Senior Citizens works to assist and encourage older persons to be effective citizens and participants in the economic, social, cultural and political life of their communities, and to claim a fair share of the general welfare to which senior citizens have devoted their lives. It is an educational and action group which supports Medicare and increases Social Security; improvements in recreational, educational and health programs; increases in voluntary service programs; supports cost containment of drugs; better housing; and other programs to aid senior citizens. It sponsors mass rallies, educational workshops and leadership training institutes; provides speakers to discuss Medicare or other problems concerning senior citizens; and organizes and develops programs for local and State groups. It maintains a library of books and materials on Medicare and other programs. NCSC has 3,500,000 members.

Publications: Senior Citizens News - monthly

Convention/Meeting: annual-always June







National Council on the Aging  
Wing 100  
600 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Jack Ossofsky, Executive Director  
(202) 479-1200

The National Council on the Aging, Inc., is a nonprofit, national organization which provides planning, consultation and training. It works with other organizations to develop programs for older persons. The Council offers technical assistance in community programs such as senior centers, adult day care, and housing management. It administers projects that employ, train and utilize older persons in rewarding, challenging ways. It conducts special projects, studies and research under foundation, industrial and government grants. It provides a national information and consultation center; conducts research and demonstration programs on various problems of older people (e.g., training and placement of older workers; relieving poverty; services for the frail elderly living in their own homes; access to health and social services; increasing opportunities for socialization and participation in artistic and cultural programs and services; senior centers). It maintains library volumes on aging, with emphasis on the psychological, economic, and social aspects of the subject and has a comprehensive record of aging legislation. It serves as a central resource and clearinghouse for rural aging and for private, not-for-profit agencies nationwide concerned with aging issues. Presently the Council has more than 4,000 members.

Publications: Perspective on Aging - bimonthly  
Aging and Work - quarterly  
Current Literature on Aging - quarterly

Convention/Meetings: annual







National Senior Citizens Law Center  
Suite 300  
1424 16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Burton D. Fretz, Executive Director  
(202) 232-6570

The primary goal of the National Senior Citizens Law Center (NSCLC) is to enable older Americans to live their lives in dignity and freedom from poverty. In a more narrow sense, NSCLC works toward this goal by assembling resources to resolve legal problems encountered by the nation's elderly. NSCLC is currently funded under two grants: the first grant from the Legal Services Corporation has allowed them to give substantive assistance to Legal Services Corporation attorneys so that they can better serve the elderly poor. The second grant is from the Administration on Aging to assist State and Area Agencies to develop and expand legal services delivery to the elderly.

NSCLC's areas of substantive assistance, to the elderly, include: SSI, Social Security, private pensions, public pensions, nutrition, Medicare, Medicaid, nursing homes, guardianship and involuntary commitment, age discrimination and mandatory retirement, consumer problems, housing problems, veterans problems and older women's problems. Because of its position as part of both the Legal Services Corporation and Administration on Aging networks, NSCLC is uniquely able to act as a clearinghouse of information relating to the legal problems of the elderly. Thus, NSCLC maintains files of court pleadings, legislation, administrative rulings and informal practices which it in turn disseminates to interested parties on request.

Publications: The Washington Weekly Newsletter  
Nursing Home Law Letter (newsletter) - bimonthly

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







UAW Retired & Older Workers Department  
8731 E. Jefferson Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan 48214

Jack Turner, Director  
(313) 926-5231

The United Auto Workers (UAW) is one of the world's largest democratic industrial unions with a membership of over one and a half million members in 1,600 local unions. Today, the UAW is very important in the lives of approximately five million people in UAW families.

Since 1949 the UAW has continued a vigorous and extensive four-phase program for its older and retired members: (1) collective bargaining; (2) direct services (since 1957); (3) union support and programs (since 1966); and (4) social and legislative action.

The UAW has international, regional and area Retired Workers Advisory Councils and local union retiree Chapters. There also is a Community Crime Prevention Program, a Prescription Drug and Alcohol Misuse program for the elderly, and an innovative preretirement planning program.

Publications: To Your Good Health - pamphlet  
Life Saving Information For Emergencies - booklet  
You and Your Retirement - pamphlet  
Crime Prevention - packet  
Prescription Drug and Alcohol Misuse - packet  
Planning Together Can Help Your Survivor - booklet  
Retired Workers: UAW's Foundation and Potential - brochure  
You Can Improve Your Life--No Matter What Your Age - pamphlet  
What You Should Know About Arthritis - pamphlet  
Leisure Activities in Retirement - brochure

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue















Urban Elderly Coalition  
West Wing, Suite 205  
600 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Pearl Somaini-Dayer, Executive Director  
(202) 554-2040

The objectives of the Urban Elderly Coalition are to develop workable solutions to the special needs of the urban elderly; to analyze legislation affecting the elderly; to exchange technical information among the urban aging programs; to build a coherent and strong national association of urban leaders on aging. It seeks to resolve such problems as poverty, inner-city housing, crimes against elderly, limited employment opportunities, fragmented health care delivery systems and transportation for the elderly.

The Coalition provides technical assistance, program development and management support services. It offers training seminars, individualized training assistance and professional training.

Publications: Exchange Bulletin - quarterly  
Information Alerts (as necessary)----- Members Only  
Information Memoranda (monthly)----- Members Only  
Technical Assistance Memoranda (as possible)--- Members Only

Convention/Meeting: Three regional meetings held - no conferences















## HANDICAPPED ORGANIZATIONS







Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf  
3417 Volta Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Sara Econlon, Ph.D.  
Executive Director  
(202) 337-5220

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf is comprised of teachers of the hearing impaired (deaf and hard of hearing), speech-language pathologists and audiologists, deaf adults, parents of hearing-impaired children, physicians, hearing aid dealers and all others interested in the problems of hearing impairment. The Association promotes the use of residual hearing and the teaching of speech and speechreading to the deaf, encourages research on deafness and assist schools and agencies working toward better educational, occupational and social opportunities for all hearing-impaired persons. Provides educational consultation and provides scholarships for oral deaf students. Serves as an information center, and provides outstanding workshops. The library has one of the most outstanding archival collections on deafness in the United States.

Publications: Newsounds, 10/year  
The Volta Review (journal), 6/year  
Monograph: teachers and clinicians texts  
speechreading books and references

International Convention: June 1982







American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities  
Suite 201  
1200 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Reese Robrahn  
National Director  
(202) 785-4265

The American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, Inc., (ACCD) is a nationwide, activist umbrella association of 75 national, State, and local organizations of and for virtually every category of disabled people. ACCD strives to enhance the human and civil rights of disabled people through promotion of consumer and professional involvement in decision-making on national, State, and local levels, research and training, and information and referral programs. Its purpose is to promote the social well-being and assure the full exercise of the human and constitutional rights of citizens with disabilities and represent disabled people to the government, to the private sector and to the general public. It seeks to help disabled people obtain and protect their rights to education, housing, employment, transportation and health care by securing comprehensive implementation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Publications: ACCD Action (newsletter) - monthly  
The Coalition (newsletter) - quarterly

Convention/Meeting: Annual Delegate Assembly - always May, Washington, D.C.







American Council of the Blind  
Suite 506  
1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Oral Miller, President  
(202) 833-1251

The American Council of the Blind is composed primarily of blind persons involved in 47 States and 14 professional and special interest organizations. Its purpose is to strive for the improvement of the total community by: serving as a representative national organization primarily of blind people; providing a forum for the views of the blind from all corners of the nation and from all walks of life; elevating the social, economic and cultural level of the blind; improving educational and rehabilitational facilities; broadening vocational opportunities; encouraging and assisting the blind, especially the newly blind, to develop their abilities and potentialities; cooperating with public and private institutions and agencies of and for the blind; providing for the free exchange of ideas, opinions and information relative to matters of concern to blind people through publication of a braille magazine; conducting a program of public education aimed toward the understanding of the problems of blindness and of the capabilities of blind people. The Council supports legislation in favor of legal, educational and civil rights of physically handicapped persons. It provides legal, educational, consultative, financial and advisory services to individuals, agencies and organizations.

Publications: Braille Forum - monthly

Convention/Meeting: annual - always July







American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association  
814 Thayer Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Sharon Carter, Executive Director  
(301) 589-0880

The American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association is composed of professionals of all disciplines (psychiatrists, social workers, doctors and rehabilitation counselors), who serve the deaf. Its purposes are: to promote the development and expansion of professional rehabilitation services for the adult deaf; to bring about a better understanding of deaf people as a whole by encouraging students, professional persons and laymen to develop more than a superficial understanding of the needs and problems of this group - especially the problems related to communication techniques needed to work effectively with the adult deaf in a rehabilitation setting; to promote and encourage scientific research of the needs and problems engendered by deafness; to promote and develop recruitment and training of professional workers with the deaf; to sponsor a professional publication for the promotion of inter-disciplinary and intra-disciplinary communication among professional persons primarily concerned with deaf adults and others interested in such activities; to cooperate with other organizations in promoting and encouraging legislation pertinent to the development of professional services and facilities for the adult deaf.

Publications: Newsletter - quarterly  
Journal of Rehabilitation of the Deaf - quarterly  
Deafness Annual  
Monographs

Convention/Meetings: Fall 1981 (West Coast/Seattle)







American Foundation for the Blind  
Suite 214  
1660 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Irvin P. Schloss, Director  
Governmental Relations Department  
(202) 467-5996

The American Foundation of the Blind is a private, nonprofit agency established in 1921 to carry on research, to collect and disseminate information, and to advise and give counsel on matters that improve and strengthen services to blind persons. It sponsors institutes and workshops for professionals working with blind and visually handicapped persons; records and manufactures talking books for the blind; develops and manufactures special aids for blind persons; conducts public education programs through the mass media; and participates in legislative action and interpretation related to problems of blindness. It presents the Migel Medal award annually for outstanding service to the blind. It maintains, at headquarters of the American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011, special reference and lending library of 30,000 volumes relating to the blind and their welfare. It also maintains the Helen Keller Archives.

Publications: Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness - 10/year  
Washington Journal - bimonthly  
Newsletter - quarterly  
Directory - Agencies Serving the Visually Handicapped in  
the United States - biennially

Convention/Meeting: annual - always fourth Thursday in October, New York







Better Hearing Institute  
Suite 600  
1430 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Joseph J. Rizzo, Executive Director  
TTY/TDD (202) 638-2848  
(202) 638-7577

The Better Hearing Institute is composed of professionals dedicated to helping persons with impaired hearing. Its purpose is to inform the 16,200,000 Americans with hearing impairments and the general public, about the nature of hearing loss and the available medical, surgical, amplification and rehabilitation help. Methods of communication include television and radio public service announcements, films, speakers bureaus, booklets, editorial publicity, and exhibits. It maintains a toll-free telephone "Hearing Helpline" to provide information on hearing loss and hearing help. It produces general information and education kits of communication tools. It promotes Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Publications: Communicator - quarterly  
Pamphlets

Conference/Meeting: None







Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf  
814 Thayer Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Hubert D. Summers, Executive Director  
(301) 585-4363

The Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf serves as the executive head of public, private and denominational schools for the deaf in the United States, Mexico and Canada. It coordinates research on the problems of deafness and initiates studies of a cooperative type needing large groups of children. It compiles statistics on pupils, teachers, and programs from schools for the deaf.

Publications: Membership Newsletter - monthly  
American Annals of the Deaf - bimonthly  
Directory of Services for the Deaf - annual

Conference/Meeting: June 20-21, 1981 - Rochester, New York - Holiday Inn







Epilepsy Foundation of America  
4351 Garden City Drive  
Landover, Maryland 20785

William McLin, Executive Director  
(301) 459-3700

The Epilepsy Foundation of America is a national voluntary health agency, which serves as the "focal point for the fight against epilepsy in the United States." The Foundation serves as spokesman, advocate and ombudsman for two million Americans with epilepsy. It provides State and Federal government liaison. The Foundation supports 19 different categories of programs involving 73 specific activities under the headings of medical, social and information/education. It sponsors research in basic causes of epilepsy, and prevention and improved methods of treatment. It provides training grants to students and professionals. It provides assistance and counseling for epilepsy patients through local organizations and a national information and referral service.

Publications: National Spokesman (newspaper) - monthly  
Books, audio/visual material  
Information/educational pieces

Convention/Meeting: annual - always Washington, D.C.







National Association for Hearing and Speech Action  
Suite 1000  
6110 Executive Boulevard  
Rockville, Maryland 20852  
(301) 897-8682

Russ Malone, Ph.D  
Executive Director

Ann Director  
NAHSA Coordinator (Contact)

The National Association for Hearing and Speech Action actively pursues the rights of persons with hearing, speech, and language problems. Their activities are geared toward public information, education, and awareness, such as:

- (1) "Helpline": a collect phone call service which operates weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., (301) 897-8682. Questions concerning speech, language and/or hearing disorders are answered as well as referrals to speech-language pathologists and audiologists in the caller's home area.
- (2) Screenings: Free speech screenings are conducted in easily accessible locations which encourage parents to seek early detection of speech disorders in children.
- (3) Public Service Announcements: Radio, television and print advertisements which focus on various issues concerning communicative disorders.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: None







National Association of the Deaf  
814 Thayer Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Contact Person: Edward C. Carney  
Director of Public Information  
(301) 587-1788

The National Association of the Deaf is an advocate agency for adult deaf persons with 48 State associations of the deaf as cooperating member groups. Special interest sections include Senior Citizens, Federal Employees, and Education. The Association is involved with anything affecting the lives of citizens with profound hearing loss. It provides information, conducts surveys, researches relevant topics, fights discrimination and supports a legal defense fund primarily for class action litigation.

Publications: The Deaf American (magazine)  
NAD Broadcaster (newspaper) - monthly  
Informational literature

Convention/Meeting: July 4-11, 1982, St. Louis, Missouri







United Cerebral Palsy Associations  
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Washington, D.C. 20001

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66 East 34th Street  
New York, New York 10016

Earl H. Cunerd  
Executive Director  
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The United Cerebral Palsy Associations is a nationwide network of 250 State and local voluntary agencies (UCP affiliates) which provide services, conduct public and professional education and advocacy programs and support research in cerebral palsy. Among its founders were many parents of children with cerebral palsy. An estimated 1,750,000 volunteers are devoting their time and energies to UCP, assisting in all facets of affiliate and national programs.

At the local level, direct services are provided by affiliates to children and adults with cerebral palsy and their families. These include medical diagnosis, evaluation and treatment, special education, career development, social and recreation programs, parent counseling, adapted housing for the disabled, independent living, self-help skills development, and advocacy and community education. Its affiliates conduct their own fundraising programs, retaining 75 percent of the funds for local services.

On the national level, United Cerebral Palsy demonstration projects aid in establishing models of exemplary services for the handicapped. UCP serves in an advocacy role for the handicapped in governmental activities, encouraging legislation and Federal, State and local programs to benefit those with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. The Department of Health and Human Services estimated the annual cost of care for persons with cerebral palsy at \$3.75 billion.

Publications: Word from Washington - monthly  
UCPeople, Etc. - bimonthly  
Annual Report

Convention/Meeting: annual - 1981 Washington, D.C.  
1982 Los Angeles, California















MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS







American Mental Health Foundation  
2 East 86th Street  
New York, New York 10028

Valentine Zetlin, M.D.  
President  
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The American Mental Health Foundation seeks to find, through research, better, less expensive methods for prevention and treatment of emotional illness; to provide adequate care for those seeking professional help; to train a greater number of psychotherapists; and to increase public understanding of the problems of emotional illness. The Foundation maintains a treatment institute in New York City, committed to the development of more effective methods for selecting and training mental health professionals. The results of research are communicated to medical schools, hospitals, clinics and mental health professionals throughout the country.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







Association for Administration of Volunteer Services  
P.O. Box 4584  
Boulder, Colorado 80302

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(303) 443-2100

The Association for Administration of Volunteer Services is a group of salaried and unsalaried administrators who provide mental, physical, and social volunteer services to the ill and handicapped. The Association seeks to stimulate the coordination and integration of community volunteer services. It works to develop criteria of professional standards; holds conferences for exchange of information on current practices, problems, and advances; collaborates with educational institutions in designing levels of professional training.

Publications: Newsletter/Bulletin - monthly  
Volunteer Administration - quarterly  
Membership Directory - annual

Convention/Meeting: annual







Educational Guidance Center for the Mentally Retarded  
1235 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10028

Carol Rosenwald, President  
(212) 876-1609

The Educational Guidance Center for the Mentally Retarded are professionals in the fields of mental retardation, mental health, vocational rehabilitation, clinical psychology and education. Their purpose is "to enhance the capabilities and potentials of all age groups and levels of mental retardation, particularly in the very neglected area of the adult retardate and the mild retardate." They offer social and recreational services for young adult retardates in conjunction with Marymount Manhattan College.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







Foundation for Child Mental Welfare  
255 West 71st Street  
New York, New York 10023

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The Foundation for Child Mental Welfare initiated the development of the Children's Day Treatment Center and School in New York City, an institution which works on a year-round basis with mentally afflicted children and their families. It seeks to rehabilitate the children and return them to community schools and to a happier family and social life after a three-year program. The Foundation conducts research and trains personnel so that the program may be extended to other schools and centers throughout the country.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







Institute for the Development of Emotional  
and Life Skills  
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State College, Pennsylvania 16801

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The Institute for the Development of Emotional and Life Skills' goals include developing and researching new and effective programs for therapy and for improving emotional and interpersonal skills and providing high-quality training and supervision for mental health professionals, managers, workers and the general public. Training programs for professionals are in the areas of mental health, human services, education and business; training programs for lay persons are in the areas of improving interpersonal relations, problem solving and effective functioning in family and in business settings; programs for workers and managers are in communication. Publishes bibliography of training programs.

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







Mental Health Association  
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Rosslyn, Virginia 22209

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The Mental Health Association is a citizens' voluntary organization devoting itself to the total fight against mental illness and to the advancement of mental health. It promotes research to discover new and better ways to cure and prevent mental illness; promotes the training of expert personnel to staff the hospitals, centers and research projects; engages in visits to hospitals and centers to assure adequacy of care; works with mental hospitals, government and private agencies for the rehabilitation of recovered patients; serves as central, national source for educational materials on mental illness and mental health; conducts informational program through newspapers, magazines, radio and television on the facts about mental illness and the need for public action.

It supported the start of a mental health center program which has helped to establish and staff hundreds of clinics and Community Mental Health Centers.

Publications: Newsletter - bimonthly  
Leaflets, Pamphlets, Posters and Films

Convention/Meeting: annual - always fall. 1981 Washington, D.C.







National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors  
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1001 3rd Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

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The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors consists of State commissioners of the State mental health programs. Its associate members are assistant commissioners for training, children and youth, research, aged, legal services, forensic services and community programs. The Association promotes cooperation and an exchange of ideas in the administration of public mental health programs, including hospitals and community care of the mentally ill, mentally retarded, alcoholics and drug addicts and programs designed to prevent mental illness. The Association is also a cooperating agency of the National Governors' Conference and the Council of State Governments.

Publications: Newsletters - Children and Youth Update  
Federal Funding  
Information  
Legal Issues  
State Laws  
State Report  
Studies  
U.S. Congress

Convention/Meeting: biennial - always Washington, D.C.







National Consortium for Child Mental Health Services  
Suite 201A  
1424-16th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

William Buzogany, M.D.  
Chairman  
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The National Consortium for Child Mental Health Services is a national organization which serves as a forum for the exchange of information on child mental health services. It brings concerns regarding child mental health services to appropriate local, State and Federal agencies.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: quarterly







National Council of Community Mental Health Centers  
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2233 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

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The National Council of Community Mental Health Centers is a group of community mental health centers, organizations and agencies. Its purpose is to improve the quality and quantity of mental health services through coordination of activities and cooperation with other agencies. The Council develops State and national legislative issues; works for full health care coverage by insurance companies and national health legislation; develops accreditation standards for community mental health centers. It conducts workshops relating to significant issues and changes in community mental health; creates task forces to deal with specific problems; offers insurance programs to members at special rates. It has established a Community Mental Health Institute for research and education. The Institute offers technical assistance and consultation services, resource materials, and sponsors workshops, and seminars and training programs.

Publications: National Council News - monthly  
Community Mental Health Journal - quarterly  
Community Mental Health Legislative News - monthly  
Monographs

Convention/Meeting: annual - always first quarter. 1981 Dallas, Texas;  
1982 New York, New York















OTHER (GENERAL)







Americans for Indian Opportunity  
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Plaza Del Sol Building  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

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The Americans for Indian Opportunity supports Indian action projects in education, health, housing, job development and training, and opportunities for Indian youth. It assists also in establishing local centers with similar goals. The organization serves as a national representative in Washington, D.C. for Native Americans, monitoring Federal agencies to assure that Indian programs are being fairly and properly administered and obtaining Federal programs and grants that can be of benefit to Indians on a local or national scale.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







Center for Public Representation  
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Madison, Wisconsin 53703

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The Center for Public Representation is a nonprofit, public interest law firm whose basic goal is to insure greater citizen participation in matters affecting citizens' welfare.

The Center's advocacy efforts focus on policy issues with broad application to general consumer interests. It has two projects: The Consumer Protection Project which focuses mainly on pocketbook issues and the Responsiveness Government Project which is intended to improve the accountability and responsiveness of State and local governments by making them more accessible, efficient and sensitive to citizens. Health and environmental issues are also covered. The Center seeks to represent the disadvantaged and unrepresented: minorities, women, senior citizens, juveniles, students, the handicapped and the mentally ill. It also provides training to help achieve these objectives.

Publications: The Public Eye - quarterly

Convention/Meeting: No annual conference held







Children's Defense Fund  
1520 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is a national public charity created to provide long-range and systematic advocacy on behalf of the nation's children. Through research, public education, litigation, technical assistance to State and local groups, community organizing and monitoring Federal administrative and legislative policies and programs, CDF seeks to change specific policies and practices resulting in the neglect or mistreatment of millions of children. Their goal is to place the needs of children and their families higher on the nation's public policy agenda.

CDF is not government funded, has no chapters and is not a membership organization, but works closely with other groups to help individuals, parents and advocacy groups on behalf of children.

Their focus is on institutional rather than individual neglect and abuse of children. CDF examines governmental policies and practices that cause harm to children or result in children's fundamental needs going unmet. CDF has five program areas: child health, child welfare, child care and family services, education and juvenile justice. In each area they document specific problems facing children and propose strategies for alleviating these problems in the public and private sectors.

Publications: Research Reports  
Handbooks  
Books

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







Conference of Consumer Organizations  
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Newton Center, Massachusetts 02159

Institute for Community Services  
Edinboro State College  
Edinboro, Pennsylvania 16444

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The Conference of Consumer Organizations (COCO) is a national organization committed to improving communications and cooperation among representatives of consumer organizations, community action groups, government, business and educators involved in consumer action programs throughout the country.

COCO membership includes individual consumers who are interested in consumer problems, as well as professional consumer spokespersons and organizations who represent, protect, educate and serve consumers.

COCO sponsors national consumer affairs seminars, workshops and conferences on public utilities, health care, food and drugs, regulation and deregulation, public participation, and community organizing. It works with representatives of the business community to resolve consumer/industry problems. COCO has participated in numerous joint panels, consumer roundtables, and workshops addressing consumer problems.

Publications: COCO Intercom

Convention/Meeting: annual, three-day conference



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Consumer Coalition for Health  
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Washington, D.C. 20036

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The Consumer Coalition for Health is a national alliance of community organizations, civil rights, senior citizens, labor, religious, and women's groups working for greater consumer control over the health care system. The Coalition helps community organizations achieve the goals of increased access, lowered costs, and the redirection of resources to primary care and prevention. The Coalition has a program of technical assistance and political support designed to help these groups become more effective in identifying and overcoming discrimination in the delivery of health services, and in rooting out provider fraud and abuse of the health care system. The Coalition has been in the forefront of efforts to fight cutbacks and closures of public and inner city community hospitals, and community health centers, and to demand adequate reimbursement for care. CCH is building a national network of organizers, advocates, planners, and community providers and supplying them with the information and tools they need to affect the health care system.

Publications: Consumer Health Action Network - monthly

Convention/Meeting: Board of Directors, Quarterly







Consumer Federation of America  
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1012 14th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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The Consumer Federation of American (CFA) is the largest national consumer advocacy organization. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a well-reasoned and articulate voice for consumers. Its principal activities include lobbying, information dissemination and consumer education. The objectives of the Federation are: to promote the rights of all consumers, in harmony with the general welfare; to stimulate and coordinate consumer programs and activities in such areas as product pricing, quality, servicing and guarantees, regulatory agencies, credit and insurance, cost of food, drugs and medical care, safety, energy and natural resources development and in other areas as determined by the Board of Directors.

CFA is a federation of over 240 national, State and local organizations which have joined forces to express the consumer viewpoint. Its membership includes: Consumers Union, National Council of Senior Citizens, American Association of Retired Persons, 60 grassroots consumer groups, more than 100 consumer cooperatives, national labor unions, and the National Council of Jewish Women. Collectively, these 240 organizations represent some 30 million consumers.

CFA is an organization which devotes the majority of its resources to lobbying before Congress on issues of significant interest to consumers. The Federation represents the consumer by gathering facts, analyzing issues, and disseminating information to the public, legislators, and regulators. The State and Local Organizing Project, enables CFA to support local, State, and regional consumer organizations by providing information and serving as a resource clearinghouse. The project sends Legislative Alerts to keep the groups apprised of current consumer education programs and grassroots lobbying efforts.

Publications: News - monthly  
Newsletter - monthly  
Director of State and Local Government  
and non-Government Consumer Organizations - semiannual  
Annual Voting Record of U.S. Congress  
Legislative fact sheets and testimony on consumer issues

Convention/Meeting: annual







Consumers Union of the United States  
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Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Consumers Union of the United States  
1511 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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Consumers Union is a nonprofit organization which provides information, education, and counsel relating to consumer goods and services, health, the management of family income, and the maintenance of a decent standard of living. The Union represents consumer interests at government hearings. Its income comes from the sale of its publication, "Consumer Reports," to 2 million subscribers and newsstand buyers.

The Washington Office is a four-member public interest law firm which represents the consumer interest in legislative, regulatory, and judicial proceedings.

Publications: Consumer Reports - monthly  
Annual Buying Guide Issue in December  
Teaching Tools for Consumer Reports - monthly  
September-May  
Digest - semiannual  
Special reports on particular fields of consumer interest, such  
as automobiles, health, family planning

Convention/Meeting: annual







Health Research Group  
2000 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Sid Wolfe, M.D.  
Director  
(202) 872-0320

The Health Research Group is a nonprofit consumer advocacy group which works on issues of health care delivery, workplace safety and health, drug regulation, food additives, consumer product safety and environmental influences on health. The Group petitions (or sues) Federal agencies on consumers' behalf, testifies before Congress on health matters and monitors the enforcement of health and safety legislation. The Group publicizes important health findings through the media, and makes available to the public a broad spectrum of research and consumer action materials in the form of books and numerous reports.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







National Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People (NAACP)  
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1025 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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The basic strength of the NAACP is derived from its victories in the courts, Congress and State legislatures. The NAACP has a number of social programs that are intended to eliminate racial hatred, bigotry and poverty. The objectives of the NAACP are to achieve, through peaceful and lawful means, equal citizenship rights for all American citizens by eliminating segregation and discrimination in housing, employment, voting, schools, the courts, transportation, recreation.

NAACP chapters cover the country, in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, West Germany and the Panama Canal Zone. The Association is organized into nearly 1,700 branches, youth councils and college chapters. There are five regional offices, with the national office of the Association in New York City. There is also a Washington Bureau for legislative work and contact with Federal agencies.

Publications: Crisis - monthly  
Report - annual  
Fight for Freedom by Langston Hughes  
History of the Association

Convention/Meeting: annual - usually June; 1981 Denver, Colorado;  
1982 Boston, Massachusetts



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National Association of Community Health Centers  
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1625 I Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

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The National Association of Community Health Centers is a coalition of health center administrators, medical care providers and consumers. The Association works to assure the continued growth and development of community health centers for medically underserved populations by providing technical assistance, training and educational opportunities for the staffs and boards of directors of such centers. They support research, disseminate information; provide representation in legislative and professional arenas. Also, it sponsors educational institutes, workshops and seminars throughout the year.

Publications: Legislative Status Report - monthly  
Newsletter - monthly  
Clearinghouse News - bimonthly  
Community Health Center Listing - annual  
Proceedings - annual  
Primary Care Focus - bimonthly

Convention: Annual - always September







National Black Child Development Institute  
1463 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Evelyn K. Moore, Executive Director  
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The National Black Child Development Institute seeks to provide educational, racial and cultural awareness for black youngsters by developing quality child centered programs buttressed by community and economic development. It disseminates research by black scholars that can be translated into programs to foster optimum development of black children. It provides a forum for black community groups, through conferences and seminars, to discuss and make recommendations that will be advantageous to the development of the black community. It disseminates information on Federal and State programs. It analyzes policy decisions, legislative and administrative guidelines from the black perspective.

Publications: Black Child Advocate (newsletter) - quarterly  
Calendar - annual  
Black Flash - irregular  
Research reports and Seminar proceedings

Convention/Meeting: annual



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National Coalition of Hispanic Mental Health and Human  
Services Organizations  
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Washington, D.C. 20005

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The National Coalition of Hispanic Mental Health and Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO) is a Hispanic-oriented coalition of agencies, organizations and individuals working to improve and expand services, research and training opportunities for Hispanic communities. It has 670 members (organizations, agencies and individuals) and acts as focal point and resource in diverse, but interrelated human service fields of: mental health, drug abuse and alcohol abuse treatment and prevention; health planning, education and service delivery; developmental disabilities, including mental retardation; special needs of families and children; youth services, with emphasis on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention; services to the elderly to improve mental health and well-being. Its objectives are to: identify and analyze service and training needs; identify funding resources and manpower to meet these needs; promote a greater exchange of information on policy and program developments that affect local communities and the Hispanic population nationwide; share Hispanic perspectives and expertise with governmental and voluntary agencies in order to ensure sound program and policy development relevant to Hispanic needs and priorities. Conducts research and related conferences; workshops and symposia studies on Hispanic health, mental health and human services issues; educational conferences at the local, State and national levels in fields such as bilingual education, mental health and welfare reform.

Publications: Roadrunner - semimonthly  
Reporter - bimonthly  
National Hispanic Youth Advocate - bimonthly  
National Directory of Hispanic Professionals in Mental Health  
and Human Services  
National Directory of Hispanic Youth Service Providers  
Monographs

Convention/Meeting: biennial







National Consumers League  
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1522 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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The National Consumers League (NCL) is a nonprofit organization dependent on the support of individuals and organizations. It encourages protection against child labor, unfair labor laws for women, inhumane working conditions and an end to abuses in the marketplace. NCL recommends legislation, policies and programs which promote the consumer interest and protect the health, safety and economic well-being of consumers. NCL promotes consumer participation in government decisionmaking.

Publications: Bulletin - bimonthly

Convention/Meeting: annual - usually spring







National Council for Homemaker - Home Health Aide Services  
67 Irving Place  
New York, New York 10003

Florence Moore, Executive Director  
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The National Council for Homemaker - Home Health Aide Services consists of "mature, understanding, trained and professionally supervised women to give home help to families in times of illness and stress, as part of a community health or welfare service." In cooperation with other national, State and local public and voluntary health and welfare agencies, the Council promotes understanding of the values of homemaker service; provides a central source of information; encourages and guides communities in organizing and extending homemaker services; promotes development of standards and administers an agency approved accreditation program; distributes educational and promotional materials and sponsors conferences and seminars. Maintains a lending library of materials of interest to communities and agencies seeking to initiate and improve homemaker service programs.

Publications: News - quarterly  
Annual Report - annual

Convention: Annual - always spring







National Council of La Raza  
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1725 I Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

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The goal of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) is to promote the needs of Hispanics, and to plan and implement programs of direct benefit to Hispanic community-based organizations and the communities which it serves.

NCLR is a private, nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation with more than 100 affiliates. These affiliated community-based organizations are located in 21 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Most of these affiliates are concentrated in the five southwestern States of Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. In addition to its Washington headquarters, NCLR has program offices in Phoenix, Arizona; Chicago, Illinois; and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NCLR develops resources for providing onsite technical assistance to Hispanic community-based organizations. It conducts research and public policy analysis and lobbies Congress on behalf of Hispanics.

Publications: Agenda Magazine - bimonthly

Convention/Meeting: Sponsors an annual meeting which is usually held during September in Washington, D.C.







National Council of Negro Women  
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Washington, D.C. 20006

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The National Council of Negro Women is a coalition of 27 national organizations and concerned individuals with an outreach to four million women throughout the United States. The Council provides a center of information for and about women in the black community; stimulates cooperation among women in diverse economic and social interests; acts as a catalyst for constructive militancy. As a nongovernment organization, the Council holds an official observer position at the United Nations.

Publications: Not available for this issue

Convention/Meeting: Not available for this issue







National Health Law Program  
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Washington, D.C. 20036

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The National Health Law Program (NHELP) is a Legal Services Support Center which assists Legal Services Programs and community organizations representing low-income clients in cases involving health problems.

NHELP's activities focus primarily on answering requests for assistance from Legal Services offices. NHELP also provides information on recent court cases, statutory or regulatory interpretation, and Congressional actions; acts as consultants on litigation strategy and the policy implication of proposed litigation; coordinates contacts between field offices handling similar cases; prepares materials for training field program attorneys and paralegals; participates in meetings focusing on health issues; facilitates lobbying efforts before Congress and administrative agencies. NHELP's areas of concentration include: Medicaid, Hill-Burton, rural health, public hospitals, reproductive freedom, and Medicare.

Publications: The Health Advocate

Convention/Meeting: None held







National HomeCaring Council  
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New York, New York 10003

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The National HomeCaring Council is a homemaker-home health aide service which assigns mature, trained and professionally supervised men and women into homes where they help families with children to remain together when there is illness or tragedy; provide an option for the aging to remain at home; allow hospital patients to be released as quickly as possible; etc. The Council was established in 1962 at the request of 26 national organizations and eight governmental departments. It works cooperatively with national, State and local public and voluntary health and welfare groups to promote the growth and understanding of the service, to make it available to anyone who needs it regardless of social, economic or geographic position, and to maintain good quality in the service delivered.

The National Council provides a central source of information on the service; encourages and guides communities in establishing or extending services; promotes standards of good quality and monitors their delivery through a program of accreditation; distributes education and promotional material; develops the basic training materials in the field; conducts conferences and seminars; provides onsite and in-service training and technical assistance; and conducts applied research leading to better service.

Publications: NEWS - (newsletter) quarterly  
Annual Report - annually in the Spring

Convention: Annual, always in the Spring







National Urban Coalition  
1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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The National Urban Coalition is an urban action, advocacy, and information organization, bringing together business, labor, minorities, mayors and civic, community, and religious leaders to stabilize and revitalize American cities. The Coalition works through a network of more than 30 local affiliates and operates programs in more than 50 cities in the fields of employment, youth employment, housing and urban revitalization, urban education, and economic and business development.

The Coalition presents the case for the cities and their least advantaged residents. At neighborhood, local, and national levels, before Congress and corporations, through conferences and caucuses, publications and organizational efforts and demonstration projects, the Coalition has analyzed the needs of urban America and has advanced pragmatic solutions.

Publications: Exchange newsletter - quarterly  
Washington Update - quarterly  
Network magazine - annual  
CETA Handbook and related employment materials

Convention/Meeting: Conference and Dinner May 1981, Washington, D.C.



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National Urban League  
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The National Urban League's (NUL) goal is to eliminate racial discrimination and segregation in the United States, increase the economic and political power of blacks and minorities, thereby helping them share in the responsibilities and rewards of full citizenship.

The League is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, headquartered in New York City. At the local level, NUL has 115 affiliates located in 36 States and the District of Columbia. The National Headquarters charts the course, sets broad national policy, and provides training, technical assistance, and support service for the affiliates. The League provides employment and training programs which facilitate employment of minorities in all types of skilled and apprenticeable occupations. It also sponsors career awareness and conferences for corporations and government, business and career development projects which include career development for disadvantaged, minority junior/senior high school students, top-level black executive exchange, and career awareness conferences for corporations and government. NUL prepares speeches and position papers on key black and minority issues and represents these concerns to top officials in government and the private sector.

Publications: Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) Newsletter - quarterly  
The Builder (Labor Affairs) - quarterly  
Economic Quarterly Report on the Black Worker  
The Urban League Review - semiannual  
State of Black America - annual  
Community Surveys and Reports - irregular

Convention/Meeting: annual







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